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## **STEM Council and Kemin Industries Open Call for 2021 Iowa STEM Teacher Award Nominations**

**DES MOINES, IOWA** – The [Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council](#) is partnering with [Kemin Industries](#) for the seventh year of the Iowa STEM Teacher Award. Nominations will be accepted starting August 23, through Friday, October 9, 2020.

The award recognizes one full-time, licensed PreK-12 teacher from each of the six Iowa STEM regions for their passion in motivating their students to develop a lifelong interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, in and out of the classroom. The six teachers selected will each receive an award of \$1,500 for their classrooms, with an additional \$1,500 for personal use.

"Every STEM professional, and every adult Iowan, remembers that special teacher who made a difference, who brightened their future," said Jeff Weld, executive director of the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council. "Today's educators plant the seed in preparing young minds for a successful future filled with economic vitality and productive community engagement. We're delighted to highlight some of the best educators in our state."

Any individual can nominate a teacher by going to [iowastem.gov/teacheraward-application](http://iowastem.gov/teacheraward-application). Following the nomination, teachers will fill out an application that will be reviewed by a panel of judges. Award recipients will be announced in January 2021.

"The tremendous efforts of Iowa STEM teachers are making a difference in the lives of our students and the future of our state," said Dr. Chris Nelson, president and CEO of Kemin Industries. "We are honored to have the opportunity to acknowledge their exceptional work in building an environment where students are passionate about STEM. Within Kemin, we see firsthand the importance of STEM in today's workforce and appreciate the efforts to further ignite excitement in schools."

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### **About the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council**

Established in July 2011 via Governor's Executive Order, the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council is a public-private partnership of educators, businesses and Iowa families addressing policies and programs

designed to improve Iowa's educational system focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The STEM Council works to engage and prepare students for a career-ready workforce path, regain our State's historic leadership position in education, and provide a vital competitive economic advantage now, and for the future, to ensure that every Iowa student has access to world-class STEM education opportunities. The 62-member STEM Council is chaired by Governor Kim Reynolds and Accumold President and CEO Roger Hargens. For more information, visit [www.IowaSTEM.gov](http://www.IowaSTEM.gov).

### **About Kemin Industries**

**Kemin Industries** ([www.kemin.com](http://www.kemin.com)) is a global ingredient manufacturer that strives to sustainably transform the quality of life every day for 80 percent of the world with its products and services. The company supplies over 500 specialty ingredients for human and animal health and nutrition, pet food, aquaculture, nutraceutical, food technologies, crop technologies and textile industries.

For over half a century, Kemin has been dedicated to using applied science to address industry challenges and offer product solutions to customers in more than 120 countries. Kemin provides ingredients to feed a growing population with its commitment to the quality, safety and efficacy of food, feed and health-related products.

Established in 1961, Kemin is a privately held, family-owned-and-operated company with more than 2,800 global employees and operations in 90 countries, including manufacturing facilities in Belgium, Brazil, China, India, Italy, Russia, San Marino, Singapore, South Africa and the United States.